

Reflect and practice upon the teachings of The Promised Messiah(a.s.)



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Thus, a large majority has responded to Hudhur's discourses in light of a verse of the Holy Qur'an:
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The Ijtimas were attended by half of the membership of the two organisations and if the majority of those who attended bring about pious changes in themselves, they can be helpers of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the revolutionary change that he wished to bring in the world.

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Inspiration of Ijtima

Those who were inspired by Hudhur's discourses need to continually ponder over them on individual basis as well as the respective auxiliary organisations need to plan to study these in order to keep up the momentum

Otherwise the enthusiasm
dies down

The auxiliary organisations should make use of the current mood and strike while the iron is hot and try and mould its members according to temperament for the which the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) advent took place

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Hudhur (aba) said that adults are required to constantly self-reflect; parents need to constantly remind their children to make good practices a permanent part of their lives

Many people were also influenced by Hudhur's discourses via MTA.

One mother wrote to Hudhur that her young child hid his face in a cushion when he heard Hudhur speak on a matter that he felt Hudhur was addressing him on.

Some children gave up mobile phones in wake of Hudhur's discourses and the eagerness to play games and other idle pursuits on their handsets lost its appeal

Such is the spirit of the children of the Community that they are embarrassed and try and correct themselves

Inspiration of Ijtima

Temporary joy is immaterial, unless we inculcate pious changes on a permanent basis we cannot rest and cannot be part of the great revolution that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) came for.

Hudhur (aba) said he was much impressed by the attention with which the Lajna and Nasirat listened to his address which was longer than the traditional time he allocates to addresses to ladies

Lajna should not feel complacent that they had a good Ijtima and have been commended

Both the office-holders and other Lajna should make the current way their constant modus operandi

Inspiration of Ijtima

Accomplishment of guidance and accomplishment of propagation of guidance

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that the people of his time were good but will be followed by people who would be distrustful, irreligious and given to self-indulgence

Another Hadith illustrates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that there will come a time when darkness will dispel from the Muslim Ummah and the Messiah will erect columns of light everywhere.

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Accomplishment of guidance and accomplishment of propagation of guidance

The time of the Holy Prophet
(peace and blessings of Allah be on
him)

was an era of
accomplishment of
guidance

The current age, the age of the
Messiah

is a time when
accomplishment of
propagation of the
guidance of the Prophet
(pbuh) has to take place.

**Both these times are blessed because they are both
connected to the Holy Prophet (pbuh)**

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Hudhur said a huge responsibility of accomplishing the propagation lays on us

Responding to the allegations that the Islam is spread by sword, the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that if force was needed to propagate Islam, how did this message got to China?

The German Jama'at has had the privilege to introduce Ahmadiyyat by way of an exhibition in China. They have also provided Chinese language literature, without which the task could not have been possible. The Chinese Desk is working very well in London with Usman Chini sahib as in-charge and the German Jama'at was enabled to take the message to China. Similarly, the Holy Qur'an and other literature is sent to far-off countries in their local language

This age is a blessed age and blessed are those who are partaking in this and are trying to renew the era of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

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Among other glad-tidings to his Ummah, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) foretold about Khilafat

This glad-tiding is dependent on Khilafat being the pivot and the progress of the Ummah depends upon Khilafat

Today, various Muslim scholars time and again say that Khilafat is needed in the Ummah, because they realise the survival of the Ummah is not possible without Khilafat. Yet, they are blinded in not recognising one commissioned by God and through whom Khilafat on the precepts of Prophethood was established in the current age

Khilafat and accomplishment of propagation of guidance

In spite of being persecuted for it, Ahmadis continue to take the message of the Messiah (on whom be peace) to the Ummah out of compassion.

In fact, it is the message of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) for them to join the latter-ones and be part of the blessed people of the Ummah

Self-Reflection

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As ever, Hudhur reminded to self-reflect. He asked

How many of us reflected over our responsibility in being associated with the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) once a day, once a week or once a month?

What is the standard of our worship of God?

What are our morals like?

What role are we playing in helping Khilafat?

Through God's mercy the Promised Messiah's (on whom be peace) advent took place and He enabled us to accept him.

- Is it sufficed to come into the Bai'at of the great person?

Indeed, when the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that the latter-days will be blessed like the early days of Islam, it signified that the followers of the Messiah will be part of the revolution for which he was sent

Ahmadi and self-reformation

Today, it is the task of each Ahmadi to play his or her role in this.

Pondering over Quranic commandments, followed by putting them in practice, is required to bring about revolutions

The world is thus transformed into paradise and then the rest of the world too follows

Today, we are weak and are persecuted everywhere. When we will rise having understood the reality of our Bai'at, if not the people of today, their generations to come will definitely join us.

Ahmadi and self-reformation

The Qur'an states: '**And when the Garden is brought nigh,**' (81:14) and Hudhur explained that this is about the time of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and fortunate are those who are availing of this blessing.

In the materialistic world that we live in, to initiate piety and then to pray for steadfastness, makes one a recipient of God's pleasure.

Hudhur enjoined not to be lost in the pleasure-seeking life of the Western world

Any spiritual effect of Ijtima or Jalsa should not be temporary.

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There are people in the Jama'at like this, but there should be a majority of such people

Ahmadi and self-reformation

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that God does not say that one piety will make you the recipient of His pleasure, rather one has to adopt all pieties. We need to oversee all our practices

We have accepted the Imam of the age who drew attention to paying the dues of God and dues of mankind

He enjoined his followers to become Wali (saint) and Pir (holy person) rather than commit Pir-parasti (hierolatry).

Hudhur said this was a tremendous thing to say that everyone should be a Wali or Pir in their own right. Indeed, this does not suggest being like Pirs of today.

Hudhur said whoever one asks for prayer one should help with one's own prayers. Only those prayers gain acceptance which are made in accordance with the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)

Ahmadi and self-reformation

Hudhur said many people ask him for prayers and when Hudhur asks them if they are regular in offering Salat, they say no

Hudhur tells them to pray for themselves and with their prayer be helpers of Hudhur

Once a Companion asked the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to pray for him and the Prophet answered that he would pray but the Companion should also help him with his prayers

In prayers, one should be inclined to pray for the pre-eminence of faith

Self-reformation

Next Hudhur read a few extracts from the noble writings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expounding ways to reform ourselves

- The faith and world, can not co-exist in equal measures
- Faith has to be given preference over this world and for this self-sacrifice is absolutely essential
- It is important to stop the self from greediness
- Focus on the true reformation as directed by the Holy Prophet (pbuh)



Hudhur (aba) prayed that may God enable us to mould our lives in accordance with the wishes of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

- so that we too can be part of the revolution destined to come through the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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